

Leave of Absence to Sri S.V. Patil Grant of —

MR SPEAKER:—I have received a letter from Sri S. V. Patil, Member, Legislative Assembly, requesting for leave of absence from 17th July 1978 till closing of the current sittings of the Assembly.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Sri S.V. Patil to remain absent from 17th July 1978 till closing of current sittings ?

Hon'ble Members.—Yes.

MR. SPEAKER.—Permission to remain absent is granted.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION UNDER RULE 50

re : non. holding of elections of President and Vice President in Bangalore North and South Taluk Boards.

† SRI S.R. BOMMAI (Hubli)--Election of Presidents and Vice Presidents to the Taluk Boards are to be held under the provisions of the Act, and elections were held to all the Taluk Boards in the State except Bangalore North and South Taluks. When this matter was raised under Rule 312, the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the portfolio did not give any clear opinion or the desire of the Government. However, the Hon'ble Revenue Minister Sri. B. Basavalingappa stated that he is going to amend the Act and till such time the election of Presidents and Vice Presidents to these taluk Boards will not be held.

I want to raise, that matter. The statement of the Hon. Minister shows that for political motives he wants to postpone the elections, to two Taluk Boards while the entire state election has been held. If the Government acts on political motives and tries to curtail the democratic rights where we are leading to ? Unless the Government comes out with a categorical assurance that the elections to these two Taluk Boards are to be held according to law, I don't think it is fair on our part to resort to such method. The reason given is that there are MLAs and MLCs who are entitled to vote as Members of the Board. How can you prevent it ? Therefore, the Minister by making such a statement has misled the House.

ವ್ಯಕ್ತರು—ಈ ವಿಚಾರದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ನಡೆದ ದೀರ್ಘ ಚರ್ಚೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಳೆಂಟು ಜನ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರೂ ಸಹ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ತರಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ಉತ್ತರ ನೀಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. This is a matter which has been discussed in the same Session. Therefore it is not desirable to discuss it again.

SRI S.R. BOMMAI—Can a Minister behave in such an authoritative way and put an end to the democratic process under law. According to his whims and fancies, he cannot say that the elections could be

postponed. He cannot behave like a dictator. My only point is that unless there is an amendment to that effect, he cannot postpone the elections. He has not business to state like that. So, the statement of the Minister must be discussed, whether the Minister can do so under the provisions of law? If the executive behaves in this fashion ignoring the provisions of the law, what is the way out? Whether the Minister can put an end to the legal process? This is an important matter which has to be discussed. It is the fundamental rights of the Legislature which is involved here. Whether he can stop the elections of the President and Vice President to the Taluk Boards? When the Minister has made such a statement, the concerned officers will not hold elections. The elected representatives would have gone and apprised him. Now, because the statement is made, indirectly the officer is prevented from acting according to law. Can it be done? My only submission is that the Minister should withdraw his statement, and allow the officers to do their duty according to law. The officers who are in charge of this to hold elections whether it is Asst. Commissioner or Dy. Commissioner—should be empowered to hold the election. He should act according to law until the act is amended. The statement of the Minister has one in the way of free and fair discharge of duties by the officers concerned. And ultimately, it curtails the rights of the elected Members which cannot be permitted. Therefore, the Chair may be pleased to adjourn the House to discuss a matter in detail.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Minister for Revenue)—It is surprising that the Leader of the Opposition is taking shelter under the provisions of the Rules of Procedure. As has been pointed out by the Speaker, the matter has been discussed and many members participated in the discussion and we have stated on the floor of the House categorically what we are going to do. It is relevant in every Taluk. But in the Corporation area if you give your thoughts calmly, I think you will appreciate the position. There are only 19 Members in the Taluk Board who are living there. But if 30 Members who are in the city allowed to participate in the Taluk Board election what would be the position of the persons who are directly elected by the people in the rural areas. This is also relevant. It is only in the North Taluk people elected representatives who are residing here. Would these people allowed to participate in the election? Is it fair on our part to give opportunity to people who are in rural areas? We are not going against the democratic principles. We are also concerned with the principles of democracy. We are moving towards that direction. Therefore, the hon. Member must realise that position. This is an apparent mistake in the understanding of the provisions of the law,

and when we have got to see that these democratic functions are allowed to function fairly and properly. If you realise the democratic functioning, we should give due respect to the feelings of those persons participated in the elections of the Taluk Board to elect their own representatives from rural areas. We don't want to rule 30 Members in the Taluk Board. That would be inconsistent with the democratic principles. With great respect, apart from what I have said, I think Mr. Bommai will understand the position now and agree with me.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—The provision is very clear. I am reading section 96 of the Taluk Board Act—clause 2 :

“(2) The Members of the State Legislative Assembly representing a part or whole of the taluk whose territorial constituencies lie within the Taluk and the members of the State Legislative Council ordinarily resident in the taluk shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings of, and vote at, the meetings of the Taluk Board”.

97. Strength of elected members—The number of elected members a Taluk Board referred to in sub-section (1) of section 96 shall be such as may be specified by the Government by notification, on the basis of population of the taluk (excluding such portions of the taluk as are included in a municipality or area under the authority of the Sanitary Board, Town Board, Town Area Committee, Notified Area Committee, or Cantonment Board) as indicated in the following table”

So far as Bangalore North and South are concerned, there will be only 5 legislators who will be entitled to participate and not 30 as stated by the Hon'ble Minister. So far as Assembly Member is concerned, if any part of his constituency comes within the taluka area, then only he is entitled, otherwise, not. There are only 2 such M.L. As. The members of the Council who are residing actually in the area are entitled.

10-00 A. M.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—Please read the definition of the Taluka.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—“Taluka” means a revenue taluka constituted a taluk, Petah or Mahal from time to time for the purpose of revenue administration.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—City is under revenue administration now.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—Members who are living in the Corporation area are excluded. As regards M. L. Cs, if they are actually residing in the area of the taluka board, they are entitled. It is not simply because he has given the address. Ordinarily he must be the resident of the area of the Taluka Board, and Assistant Commissioners have given decisions, particularly in Hubli, one of the M. L. Cs wanted to vote in a particular place.

SRI H. D. CHOWDAIAH.—Even in Mandya,

- SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—If the M. L. C. is a resident of the Taluka Board area, then only he is entitled to vote. Let the elections be held on that basis.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್ ಎಸ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಸೈನಕ್ ಅವರು ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಸಿಟಿಯವರು. ಅವರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ವರಿಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸ ಮಾಡದಿದ್ದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಅವರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬೋರ್ಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋಗಿ ವೋಟು ಮಾಡಿ ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—Then, it is not correct according to me

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—One Mr. Bolashetty who has come there has been given a chance.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—Whether they belong to any political party, unless any part of the Constituency comes in the area of the Taluka Board, the Assembly Member is not entitled and in the case of Council Member, if he is actually the resident of the taluka board area, then only he is entitled to vote. This is clear provision and that has been acted upon in my district. The matter has once taken up in the High Court and they have given the decision, also.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—You are now interpreting it clearly. The provision is not very clear. Since the provision is ambiguous, the has trouble come.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—I would like the Government to hold the elections on that basis to the Taluka Board. Will the Government give that assurance?

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—I am extremely happy that the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition has endorsed the stand of the Government and it is the intention of the Government also not to allow all those persons who are elected from Corporation areas and also residing in the Corporation areas to participate in these elections. If that stand is taken, we will take action.

† ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ನಿಲುವು ಏನು ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಈಗಿರತಕ್ಕ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಕಾನೂನು ಏನಿದೆ. ಅದನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆ ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸಿ ಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಅದನ್ನು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡುವವರೆಗೂ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದರೆ ಈಗ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಕಾನೂನಿನ ಚೌಕಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ತಮಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿಕೂಲ

ವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎನ್ನುವ ಭಾವನೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ. ಚುನಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಈಗ ಬೆಳಗಾವಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವವರು ಬೇರೆ ಕಡೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪರವಾನಗಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ೧೭೫ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬೋರ್ಡುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಎರಡು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬೋರ್ಡುಗಳ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿದರೆ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ಪಾರ್ಟಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಮುಖ್ಯವಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರತಕ್ಕ ಧೋರಣೆ ಏನಿದೆ ಇದು ಸರಿಯಾದದ್ದು ? ಒಂದು ವಿಧೇಯಕವನ್ನು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದರೆ That is contrary to the existing provision of the Taluka Board Act. ನೀವು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಅನುಕೂಲಕ್ಕೆ ತಕ್ಕಂತೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಈ ಸಭೆ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ತತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ ವಿರುದ್ಧವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದರೆ, ನಾವು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತಯಾರಿಲ್ಲ. ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ವಿಧೇಯಕಕ್ಕೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯನ್ನು ತಂದು ಆಮೇಲೆ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಅದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ. That cannot be done. Ordinarily whether he, a resident of that place or not it is for the Tashildar to supply that information to the Deputy Commissioner. Let the Deputy Commissioner takes a decision. ೩೦ ಜನ ಯಾರೋ ಪಾರ್ಟಿಸಿಪೇಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಅದನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿಪಾದನೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈಗ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಕಾನೂನಿನ ಚೌಕಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬೋರ್ಡಿನ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಬಾಧಕ ಏನು ? ಈ ವಿಧೇಯಕಕ್ಕೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯನ್ನು ತಂದು ಆಮೇಲೆ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಅದು ಸರಿಯಾದ ಕ್ರಮವಲ್ಲ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಲಾ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟಿನವರು ಏನು ಒಪ್ಪಿನಿಯಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ರಂಗನಾಥ್.—ವಿರೋಧಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕರು ಒಂದು ತರಹ ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡರು. ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ದೇವೇಗೌಡರು ಅದನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡರೂ ಸಹ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಕನಃಪೂಜನ್ ಇರುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಆಕ್ಟ್‌ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಯಾರು ಪ್ರಾಟೆಂಡಾರರು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಟ್ರೇನ್ ಏರಿಯಾ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಬಾಕಿ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಪೊಟೆಂಡಾರರನ್ನೂ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳಾಗಿರತಕ್ಕವರು ಅಸೆಂಬ್ಲಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಎಕ್ಸ್ ಅಫೀಷಿಯೋ ಮೆಂಬರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಎಂ. ಎಲ್. ಸಿ. ಕೂಡ ಆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಏರಿಯಾದ ಆರ್ಡನರಿ ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಅವನು ಅದನ್ನು ಅರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಪೋಟು ಮಾಡಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ಇದೆ

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—He should be the resident of that taluka board area.

†SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs).—He has to choose himself. He should be an ordinary resident of the particular taluka board area. This is the law. In Bangalore South and North Taluka, a peculiar situation has arisen. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಜನ ಅಸೆಂಬ್ಲಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ವಾಸವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರ ನಂಬರು ಚುನಾವಣೆಯಾಗತಕ್ಕ ನಂಬರಿಗಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಎನ್ನುವ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಒಂದಕ್ಕೊಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಮರಸ್ಯ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ವಿಚಾರ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ದೇವೇಗೌಡರು ಹೇಳಿದ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಗೆದ್ದು ಬಂದರೆ ನಮ್ಮದು ವಿರೋಧವಿಲ್ಲ. The point is, should we allow the Ex-Officio members who are not elected members of the Taluka Board to exercise their votes ? ಇಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸ್ತವಾಂತ ಏನಿದೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಅವನು ಆರ್ಡನರಿ ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟ್ ಎನ್ನತಕ್ಕದ್ದನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ನಾವು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಪೋಟು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿ ಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಇಂಥಾ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾನೂನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಯಾದಂತಹ ಒಂದು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ಇಲ್ಲದೇ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ವಿಚಾರ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಲಾ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ದೇವೇಗೌಡರು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಈಗ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್

ದೇವೇಗೌಡರಾಗಲೀ, ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕರಾಗಲೀ Ex-officio Members should be more in number and they should have more say in the matter ನಾವು ಒಪ್ಪುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವರೂ ಒಪ್ಪುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

We are at that stage. Therefore, the Government is applying its mind. The Government will consult all the legal opinion. If the Government were to come to the conclusion that it deserves to be amended, then the Government will have to take sitable action. We are at that stage. Therefore, unnecessarily motives need not be imputed to the thinking of the Government that just because they have hand over them we are thinking of amending it. but as it is what the Revenue Minister put it to the House... I do not know the number of Bangalore South and North Taluk. I do not know they have got more number. Here this is not the anomaly that is prevailing.

SRI S.R. BOMMAI.—Sir, the section is very clear. It reads “(2) The members of the State Legislative Assembly representing a part or whole of the taluk whose territorial constituencies lie within the Taluk.....

SRI K.H. RANGANATH.—Section 2 defines what the Taluk for the purpose of voting. In the taluk for the purpose of voting, town area is included. Therefore, persons who resides in the taluk area namely the town area, he becomes Ex-Officio and he has got right to vote.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—Sir, sub-section (2) of Section 96 is very clear. It reads “ The members of the State Legislative Assembly representing a part or whole of the Taluk whose territorial constituencies lie within the Taluk”. Unless he is elected, he is not entitled to become a Ex-Officio member. That is the interpretation given throughout.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಬಸವಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.— ಇದನ್ನು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಂಗ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

SRI S.R. BOMMAI.—Not even one M.L.A. represented Hubli Corporation or the Bangalore Corporation. They never participated in the Taluk Board Election. That is the interpretation through. If I remember correctly there is a decision on that point by the High Court also. Even the Law Department has also given opinion on that point. So far as Legislative Assembly members are concerned they have on right. So far as Legislative Council members are concerned.....

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.— Corporation constituency is within the Taluk Board of Bangalore North and South. That is why I am requesting to you to read Section 2 and then Section 97. Then you will be in a position to understand.

SRI S.R. BOMMAI.—Sir, I will read Section 97.

“97”. Strength of elected members.—The number of elected members of a Taluk Board referred to in sub-section (1) of section 96 shall be such as may be specified by the Government by notification, on the basis of the population of the taluk (excluding such portions of the taluk as are included in a municipality or area under the authority of the Sanitary Board, Town Board, Town Area Committee, Notified Area or Contonment Board”.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—The taluk board is referred in section 97. You must go back to section 2.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—It has been interpreted already. What I wanted to say is, the election should not be postponed on that count. So far as the residents of that area they are entitled to vote.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—Whether it should be postponed or not postponed——let us see.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿ.—ಇದು ರಾಜ್ಯದ ತುಂಬಾ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ,

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಇದು ರಾಜ್ಯದ ತುಂಬಾ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಏನೂ ಅಲ್ಲ Different types of interpretation is being given. Why not we sit and discuss with the Law Secretary?

SRI S.R. BOMMAI.—It should be done within a day or two.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು. — ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಇವತ್ತೇ ಸೇರಿ.

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN.—The question of number is important. Now, the Hon. Minister was pleased to state that nearly 30 members are involved. I will tell you there are 30 members who are residing in Bangalore, in fact majority of them have already exercised their votes from the area they come.....

SRI K.H. RANGANATH.—What is the number?

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN.—It is more than 16 people. Now 5 people have to exercise their votes in Bangalore North Taluk. You are denying them that opportunity.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—You are wrong.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—The question of denying the right does not arise. If somebody has got right he will have his right to vote.

SRI K. BHASKAR NAIDU.—Sir, I represent Bellary city Municipal area. It consist of 32 wards. On the other day when I went to the polling booth to vote in the recent Taluk Board Elections, the Officers at the polling booth told me that as you represent the Municipal area you will not be allowed to vote. And I was not allowed to vote. during Taluk Board elections.....

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—ಈಗ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರು ಏನು ಸಲಹೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇವತ್ತು ಈ ಸದನದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಲಾಪಗಳು ಬಹಳ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಸದನದ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯ ವೇಳೆಯನ್ನು ಹರಣ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗಿದೆ ಒಂದು ಮಾತನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಹೇಳಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಏನೆಂದರೆ, ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬೋರ್ಡ್ಸ್ ಎಲೆಕ್ಷನ್ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಏನು ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗಿದೆ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇವತ್ತು ಅಥವಾ ನಾಳೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ನಿರ್ಣಯ ಏನು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಸಭೆಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಭಾಸ್ಕರ ನಾಯ್ಡುರವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಅನುಭವವನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಕಾನೂನು ಪರಿಮಿತಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಚುನಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸತಕ್ಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇದೆ. ಈಗಿರತಕ್ಕ ಕಾನೂನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದು ಸುಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇವತ್ತು ಕೆಲವರು ಅರ್ಜಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ತಮ್ಮ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿರಬಹುದು. ಆದರೆ ಅವರ ಹೆಸರು ಲಿಸ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ಹೊರತು ಅವರು ಓಟುದಾರರಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. Unless the Deputy Commissioner is going to take a final decision after obtaining necessary information from the Tahsildar, whether he actually resides in that area or not..... ಇದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ಪರಿಷ್ಕಾರ ಚುನಾವಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆಂದು ನಾನು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ನಾನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಇವತ್ತು ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಸಚಿವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಕೊಠಡಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಸದಸ್ಯರನ್ನೂ ಮತ್ತು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಂಗ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರನ್ನೂ ಕರೆಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಚರ್ಚಿಸಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಅಂತಿಮ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಏನು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ನಾಳೆ ಈ ಸದನಕ್ಕೆ ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಭೀಮಣ್ಣ ಖಂಡ್ರೆ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ. ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಈ ಧೋರಣೆಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದರೆ ನನಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದು ಸರಿಯೇ ತಪ್ಪೇ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ವಾದಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಈಗ ಸಮಯವಿಲ್ಲ.....

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬ ಸದಸ್ಯರೂ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಹೋದರೆ ಈ ಸದನದ ಯಾವ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕಲಾಪಗಳನ್ನೂ ನಡೆಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈಗಲೇ ೨೦ ನಿಮಿಷ ಕಳೆದುಹೋಯಿತು. I with hold my consent to the adjournment motion.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಭೀಮಣ್ಣನವರು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಏನೋ ಹೇಳಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ತವಕ ಪಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಹೋಗಲಿ ಒಂದೆರಡು ನಿಮಿಷ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟುಬಿಡಿ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ದಯಮಾಡಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಭೀಮಣ್ಣ ಖಂಡ್ರೆ.—ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಲೀಗಲ್ ಪಾಯಿಂಟ್‌ಗೆ ವಿರುದ್ಧವಾಗಿ, ಸಂವಿಧಾನದ ವಿರುದ್ಧವಾಗಿ ಹೋಗಿ ಸಮಯವನ್ನು ಕಳೆಯಬಾರದು ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಟರ್ ಪ್ರಿಟೇಷನ್ ಕೊಡತಕ್ಕ ವಿಚಾರ ಇದ್ದು, ಇದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

Selection of Munsiffs

SRI S. S. ARAKERI.—Sir, I have sent a notice regarding selection of Munsiffs.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಇದು ನಾಳೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಆಗಲೇ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಟರ್ಮ್ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ತಾವು ಈ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾ ಹೋದರೆ ಈ ಮನೆಯ ಕೆಲಸಗಳು ಹೇಗೆ ನಡೆಯಬೇಕು ತಾವು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕಾಗಲೀ ದಯಮಾಡಿ ನನಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿ ನಾನು ಅದನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.